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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Miscellaneous.
The Atlantic liner *Protoria* has arrived at New York from Hamburg after a remarkable rough voyage lasting 24 days.

There were 31 new cases and 13 deaths from cholera in St. Petersburg, Russia the other day. There are 225 cases now in the hospital.

The police and press of Louisville are engaged in a campaign against loan sharks.

In Philadelphia while its parents were fighting a ten-week-old baby was dropped on the floor and killed.

Because he had no money to buy Christmas presents for his children, C. H. Easton, a farmer near Galtman, Pa., committed suicide.

A Coalate, Okla., character named Finch was shot and killed by the city marshal while resisting arrest.

Practically the entire business section of Hocking, Ohio, a town of 1,200 inhabitants, has been wiped out by fire, the loss amounting to \$50,000.

As a result of a wild automobile race in Oakland, Cal., one man was killed and another man and two young women were seriously injured.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to wreck a Missouri Pacific passenger train at Wilkesville by placing dynamite on the track and throwing a switch in the yards. Both were discovered in time to prevent disaster.

The first session of the Pan American congress was opened in Santiago, Chile, in the presence of President Montt, his cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps and delegates from all the American republics.

Tommy Burns was defeated for the heavyweight championship of the world by Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist of Galveston, Texas, at Sydney, Australia. The police stopped the fight in the fourteenth round and the decision was given to Johnson on points.

The federal government is to take a hand in the Pittsburgh municipal scandal. The department of justice has taken steps to investigate all national banks there pending an eligibility certificate for the money has been deposited for corrupt purposes.

More than 1,000 poor children were given presents at the Mayor's Christmas tree in Convention hall at Kansas City. In addition to this the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America gave away hundreds of baskets containing enough for a dinner for a family.

The man who shot and killed Deputy Marshal Magruder at Higgins, Mo., the other day has been arrested in Mexico, Mo. He has confessed.

Frederick A. Burnham, president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, was found dead in bed at his home in New York as he was poisoning. Mr. Burnham was under indictment on charges of larceny and forgery in connection with the company.

The Crane company, elevator manufacturers of Chicago, will distribute \$500,000 among their workmen this year. Each employee gets 10 per cent of his yearly wages.

The house ways and means committee has completed its hearings on the proposed revision of the tariff and the work of drafting a bill has begun.

Harvey Hazel, a 17-year-old Toledo, O., boy has been convicted of killing his mother, after a trial lasting several weeks.

The first furnace in the partly completed \$75,000,000 plant of the Indiana Steel company at Gary, Ind., has been started.

The Chicago postoffice handled 250 tons of Christmas mail in one day recently.

The United States court of appeals at Philadelphia decided that Harry K. Thaw cannot be taken from the Matteawan asylum in New York to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Charles A. Sherman, a prominent Iowa capitalist, dropped dead of heart disease at Boone the other day.

New York is to have an ice skating rink on the roof of a 300-foot skyscraper.

Fred S. Jackson, attorney general has filed in the Kansas supreme court an ouster suit against the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad company because it had not taken out a Kansas charter.

While playing Santa Claus in a country school near Jefferson City, Mo., Martha Colditz, 16 years old, was dangerously burned.

Two men believed to be members of the gang which attempted to rob the State bank at Milan, Kan., have been captured at Clearwater. They are believed to be members of a well organized band with headquarters in Wichita.

In an interview regarding the Gompers contempt decision Judge Alton B. Parker expresses the belief that the ruling of the court will not stand.

It is alleged that \$175,000 was paid Pittsburgh, Pa., compulsion for the

The cathedral at Roeskilde, the burial place of Danish kings for centuries past, has been looted by burglars and a large number of gold and silver wreaths, urns and shields carried away.

The seven councilmen and two bankers of Pittsburgh, Pa., charged with municipal grafting have been held to the grand jury. Evidence brought out at the hearing shows a gigantic system of graft in city affairs.

Because the railroads refused to make a rate of a cent a mile the national G. A. R. encampment may not be held in Salt Lake City next August.

A meeting of the creditors of the First National bank of Fort Scott, Kan., was held recently at Kansas City with the object of reaching some settlement whereby the bank could reopen.

After ten years in the state penitentiary at Lansing, Kan., for the murder of his father, John Collins has at last been pardoned by Gov. Hoch. The governor gave as his only reason that he was firmly convinced of the young man's innocence. Collins showed no emotion when told of his good fortune.

The increase in the alien population of the United States during the year ended September 30 last, was only 6,298.

A carload of Christmas mail was burned in a wreck on the Chicago & Alton railroad at Chicago.

The seventeenth national irrigation congress will meet in Spokane, Wash., August 9 to 14.

Gov. Hoch has appointed a committee to investigate conditions at the Kansas penitentiary. Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma has been asked to name a like committee.

The Chicago & Milwaukee electric railway will hereafter refuse to haul intoxicated persons on its cars.

William M. Living, chairman of the New York charter commission, declares the city is practically bankrupt.

Secretary Root has signed an arbitration treaty with Salvador.

The sale of the State bank at Hall's Summit, Coffey county, Kan., was blown open and badly wrecked by dynamite who took about \$3,000.

Vice President Gomez of Venezuela has established a new government since the departure of President Castro and has replaced the old ministry with a new body.

The battleship Maine and the cruiser North Carolina have left Norfolk, Va., under sealed orders. It is believed they are to visit Venezuelan waters.

The International Smelting company, with a capital of \$50,000,000, has been incorporated in New Jersey. The newly elected municipal council of Lisbon, Portugal, has discovered that the city was robbed of \$7,000,000 by the former officials.

At Lamar, Mo., five buildings on the north side of the square were destroyed by fire causing a loss estimated at \$25,000.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, John Mitchell, vice president, and Frank Morrison, secretary, have been sentenced to serve 12 months, nine months and six months, respectively, in jail for contempt by the supreme court of the District of Columbia. Pending an appeal all three men were admitted to bail. The defendants were convicted of violating the court's order regarding the boycott of the Bucks State company of St. Louis.

The supreme court of Missouri has handed down its decision in the ouster case against the Standard, Waters-Pierce and Republic Oil companies, upholding the contentions of Attorney General Hadley in every particular. Ouster from the state and fines of \$50,000 each are the penalties inflicted upon each of the three companies. The opinion of the court was unanimous.

Arrangements are nearly complete for a non-partisan conference on the tariff at Indianapolis on February 9, 10 and 11.

Francois Auguste Gernert, the noted musician and composer and director of the conservatory at Brussels, is dead.

Personal.

It developed that Judge Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., who is prominently mentioned in connection with the Taft cabinet, is a former Kansan.

Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, the well known author, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday recently at his home in Cambridge, Mass.

A. B. Stickney, president and one of the receivers of the Chicago, Great Western railway, has resigned his receivership.

E. E. Rittenhouse, insurance commissioner of Colorado, has been elected president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society of New York succeeding Arthur G. Langham of Louisville, Ky.

Charles S. Keown, of Kansas City, traveling agent for the Brewers Insurance exchange, has been locked up in New York on a charge of insanity.

Thomas F. Ryan, the New York financier, has resigned from the directorate of 31 corporations on the advice of his physician.

Joseph K. Harney, a well-to-do resident of Joliet, Ill., died suddenly in his room at a hotel in Pittsburg, Kan. He was on his way home from Hot Springs, Ark.

W. H. Newman has resigned as president of the New York Central Railway company.

J. Pierpont Morgan is reported to have paid \$120,000 for the 15 Caxtons he recently bought at the sale of Lord Amherst's library.

Gov. Hoch of Kansas is to be the principal speaker at a great mass

Happenings in Missouri.

State's Mining Wealth.

J. W. Marsteller, Secretary of the state bureau of mines and mining for the past year, has transmitted to the governor the 21st annual report of that department. It shows the ore production of Missouri and its value for the past year. A summary of the minerals mined for the past year is as follows: Lead ore, 392,581,500 pounds, valued at \$9,823,000; zinc ore, 450,783,000 pounds, \$9,056,965; coal, 8,710,588,000 pounds, (13,553,494 tons) \$7,308,125; iron ore, 214,726,000 pounds, \$220,176; baryte, 120,741,000 pounds, \$282,540; tripoli, 12,036,000 pounds, \$48,714; copper valued at \$70,187 and cobalt valued at \$5,462. Total value of production for the year, \$26,823,422. The total of \$26,823,422 does not represent the value of all the wealth of Missouri produced from under the ground. If the clays, marble, granite, building stone, cement and lime rock, estimated by the United States geological survey at \$5,862,000, is added, it makes the grand total of underground wealth for the year \$32,685,422.

Thieves Get Church Silver.

For the third time within three months the First Christian church at Joplin was broken into and robbed the other night. The burglars entered the church through the window in the basement and completely ransacked the building. The dozen silver spoons, the table cloths and the toys and bells to be worn by Santa Claus were taken. All about the interior of the church were scattered the skulls of burned matches. The police believe that an organized gang of church robbers is at work in the city, as a number of Joplin churches have been pillaged recently.

Planck Deputy Bank Commissioner.

W. B. Planck, of Bethany, for nearly three years a clerk in the office of the secretary of state, who resigned the position to become cashier of the Bethany Savings bank, has severed his connection with that institution to become deputy state bank commissioner under Mr. Swanger, who has been placed at the head of the department by Governor-elect Hadley. The new banking department becomes operative January 15, from which date it is divorced from the secretary of state's department.

Want Only Fresh Eggs.

At the request of the Domestic Science club, a woman's organization, E. C. Orr, prosecuting attorney for Livingston county, has issued a warning to food dealers that the sale of stale eggs will subject them to prosecution under the pure food law. The women took the matter up with the state dairy and pure food commissioner and received a letter from the acting commissioner, M. H. Lamb, advising them that the sale of bad eggs was an offense against section 4 of the pure food law.

Gov. Folk Offers a Reward.

Gov. J. W. Folk has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$300 for the capture and delivery to the sheriff of Randolph county of F. L. Anderson, who, on December 18, shot and killed Edwin Magruder, marshal of the town of Higgins, and shot and dangerously wounded W. F. Cain. The reward stands good for a period of one year from date.

A Baby Fell Five Stories.

After falling five stories down an elevator shaft and alighting on a cement floor at St. Joseph, the 2-year-old baby boy of Cash Mickum, a railroad agent, escaped with nothing more than a few scratches.

Missouri Agricultural Board.

The 4th annual meeting of the state board of agriculture was held recently at the offices of the board in the agricultural college at Columbia. The following officers were elected for the year beginning January 1, 1909: President, H. J. Waters, Columbia, dean of the agricultural college; vice president, Joan Deewaster, Butler; secretary, George B. Ellis, Appleton City; assistant secretary, W. L. Nelson, Bunceon; treasurer, W. A. Bright, Columbia.

Burned Grandfather's barn.

Bennie McCracken, 10 years old, was sentenced to five years in the training school for boys in Booneville in criminal court at Springfield. He set fire to his grandfather's barn. When asked by the court why he fired the building the boy answered, "Just wanted to see it burn."

Child Fatally Burned.

William Perry was burned to death in a fire that consumed his parents' home at Panama, a mining camp near Rich Hill. The child was 5 years old.

A Woman the Best Druggist.

The result of the examinations held at St. Joseph by the state pharmacy board has been announced. The one woman applicant, Mrs. D. B. Thomas of Kansas City, made the highest average of the 29 successful candidates for license.

Presidential Elector Dead.

M. G. Eubanks, a prominent lawyer at Milan, and presidential elector of that congressional district, died recently of inflammation of the brain af

Meteor Near St. Joseph.

The strangest comet ever seen in this part of the country was witnessed falling at St. Joseph by several hundred people the other day. The meteor appeared to drop somewhere in Kansas, west of there. The comet itself seemed to be a ball of fire about the size of a street lamp. Its tail or stream of sparks was several feet in length. It was visible about 20 seconds. A peculiar white streak and what is regarded as a phenomenon, which the comet seemed to leave behind it as a path was visible for 15 minutes. It seemed to waver, as blown by the wind, and fade from sight.

Much Vacant Land in Missouri.

J. H. Curran, president of the Missouri Immigration association, accompanied by a committee of immigration officials of the various railroad systems traversing Missouri, held a conference of several hours' duration with Gov.-elect Hadley. The object of the conference was to devise ways and means for securing thousands of new farmers for Missouri. The railroad officials estimate that at the present time there are 10,000,000 acres of good, tillable land lying idle and uncultivated for the lack of farmers.

He Gave Others Smallpox.

J. M. Butcher, real estate broker who left the detention hospital several months ago while suffering with smallpox, is threatened with many damage suits by those who assert that he spread the disease. A suit has been filed in the circuit court by Fred Hendricks of this city, asking \$83 damages, he alleges he suffered as a result of contracting the disease from Butcher.

Long Walk As a Penance.

In an interview at Columbia, M. H. Pemberton, representative of Boone county in the legislature, declared that he proposes to walk to Jefferson City at the coming session that meets in January. Pemberton gave as his reason for walking that he is mad because Missouri elected a Republican governor and will do penance by taking this long walk before breakfast.

Abused Their Teacher.

Because she wouldn't promise to "treat the scholars" Christmas, the large girls in the Wade school, Gallego county, dragged their teacher, Miss Mary Fox, in the road. Her clothes were soiled by the mud and her dress was torn. But the plucky little "schoolmarm" of 29 years refused to surrender or furnish candy for the 30 pupils in her care.

Drive 376 Turkeys to Town.

A. B. Wheat and his brother, of Richville, known as the champion turkey drivers of the Ozarks, drove a herd of turkeys, containing 376 fowls, into Mountain Grove for sale and shipment. The turkeys brought \$359.61 and weighed in all 2,536 pounds. The birds were shipped to Memphis, Birmingham and New Orleans.

The Governor's Stenographer.

Attorney General Hadley has announced that he would appoint Miss Mary Lee of Jefferson City to the position of private stenographer to the governor. Miss Lee, started as stenographer under Attorney General Crow and was retained by Attorney General Hadley.

Two Appointments by Governor.

Gov. Folk has made the following appointments. Charles N. Cooper, school commissioner for Maries county, vice R. L. Holmes, resigned; Harry Martin, coal oil inspector for Kahoka for a period expiring November 4, 1909.

Col. Crawford of Sedalia Dead.

Col. John D. Crawford, one of the best known men in Missouri is dead in Sedalia of appendicitis, aged 70 years. Col. Crawford was born in Sedalia and had resided there all his life. He was for 30 years vice president of the Citizens' National bank, served eight years as recorder of deeds for Pettis county and was twice elected mayor of Sedalia. Col. Crawford was well known in Republican political circles about the state.

The Oak Grove Banner Sold.

The Banner, a weekly newspaper published at Oak Grove in the eastern part of Jackson county has been bought by Benton Reiter, the owner of the Oak Grove News. The Banner was started 18 years ago and was formerly owned by A. J. Adair and W. W. Lemaster. The papers will be consolidated.

An Oil Inspector Named.

Gov. Folk has appointed W. M. Freeman coal oil inspector for Shannon county for a period of two years from March 12, 1909.

St. Joseph's volunteer Fire Chief Dead.

William B. McNutt, 73 years old said to have been the first man to engage in the book bindery business in this state, died at his home in St. Joseph the other day. He was a member of the volunteer fire department there in 1874 and later served as chief for ten years.

A Watchman Died on Duty.

D. L. Shoup, a night policeman of West Plains 15 years, died recently while on duty within a block of his

WOMAN INSURANCE OFFICIAL.

Mrs. Rawson Vice-President of Iowa Life Company.

New York.—Among the accredited representatives at the annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents which closed its business in this city the other day, was a woman—the only woman in the world who is an officer of a life insurance company. She is Mrs. L. C. Rawson of Des Moines, Ia., and she is vice-president of the Des Moines Life Insurance Company, a corporation which carries \$27,000,000 in policies on its books. Her husband is president of the company.

"I have been in the insurance business 20 years," said Mrs. Rawson to a reporter. "You wouldn't think it? Well, it's true, and please save your



Sketch of Mrs. Rawson.

compliments. I'm the mother of two married daughters and both of them are the mothers of two of the sweetest families in the world."

"Yes; I don't mind telling you how I came to go into the insurance business. I had a little boy and he died and"—Mrs. Rawson's lips quivered for a moment. "My baby's death was a cruel blow. I thought I would go crazy. I brooded and finally I realized that I must do something to occupy my mind or I would surely go mad. The doctors told my husband that I must occupy my mind in some way, but they made no suggestion that helped. Finally the idea came to me that I should like to be with Mr. Rawson more and I asked him to let me into his office. I started out as secretary of the company and gradually assumed control of the entire office force."

"In those days Mr. Rawson had to lead the field work himself and I was left alone in the office for that reason."

"We do business in 18 states, mostly in the middle west. The company is an old line, just like the big New York ones."

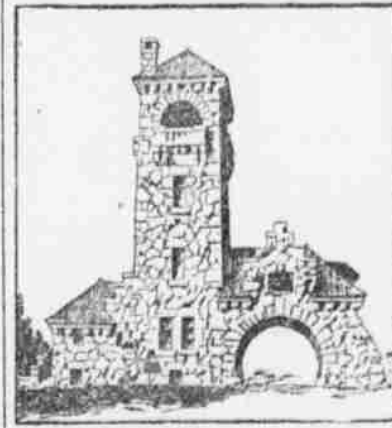
"I put in eight hours a day at my desk, and sometimes longer, of course. I have told you about the family. They are grown up and so the home doesn't suffer by reason of my absence. A woman can come pretty near doing anything she pleases in this country, and I suppose that some day she will be able to vote, but I am not interested in any suffrage movement or anything of that kind. Neither do I want to be called a new woman. I'm not. I'm just a working woman and glad that I am able to work and help my husband and my family."

COSTLY MEMORIAL GATEWAY.

Commemorates Wedding Anniversary of Founders of Mohonk.

New York.—One of the most interesting and remarkable memorial structures in this country is the recently dedicated gateway erected by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Smiley at the entrance to the five or six thousand acres of land owned by Mr. Smiley at Lake Mohonk.

The Lake Mohonk peace conferences of the past dozen or more years have attracted the attention of the whole civilized world because they have brought together men and women from all nations as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smiley at the unique hotel to which has been given the name of the "Temple of Peace."



The Smiley Memorial Gateway.

A Quaker himself and with a long line of Quaker ancestry, Mr. Smiley has been a lifelong advocate of universal peace.

Partly in recognition of his years of service in the cause of peace and partly as a token of their personal regard for him and his wife the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Smiley determined to commemorate the golden anniversary of their marriage by presenting to them a gift that should serve as a permanent memorial. This gift has taken the form of a unique and magnificent gateway, costing \$75,000.

Ground for the gateway was broken on July 8, 1907, the fifth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Smiley's marriage, and the gateway was dedicated in the presence of a great concourse of notables a short time ago.

Mr. Smiley, now in his eighty-first year, has made provision for the con-

TO REDUCE THE FATALITIES

GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH RESCUE STATIONS.

Experts to Be in Charge to Teach Miners Use of Apparatus in Case of Accidents.

Washington.—Carrying out its efforts to reduce the number of fatalities in coal mines the United States geological survey is about to establish rescue stations in the principal coal fields of the country in addition to the experiment station now located at Pittsburg. It will be the purpose of the experts to teach the miners and mine bosses how to use the most approved apparatus for rescue work.

Government mining engineers will be assigned to the stations and will be ready at a moment's notice to go to any disaster. They will be equipped with oxygen helmets which will enable them to enter a mine at once even though it is filled with gas or smoke.

It is the intention to have every station fitted up with an airtight room where gas can be generated. The coal mining companies will be invited to send picked men to these stations where they will be trained by the government in the use of the oxygen helmets.

One of the stations will be at Urbana, Ill., in connection with the University of Illinois. This station will take care of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Northern Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The coal fields of Oklahoma, Arkansas and southwestern Missouri will be taken care of by a station in the neighborhood of South McAlester, Ok.

At these stations not only will opportunity be given the miners to become familiar with the rescue apparatus but safety lamps of all designs will be tested for their general safety and efficiency in the presence of the miners and the mine owners.

Injured in Initiation.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—As a result of injuries received in a high school fraternity initiation Saturday, Thomas Harvey, 16 years old, will probably die. Young Harvey was injured through the use of what is termed a "shotgun paddle" in which a blank shotgun cartridge was fired. The explosion is intended to be harmless to the victim, but in Harvey's case the instrument was so applied that the charge of powder and wadding was fired into his hip. The attending physician, Dr. Thomas R. Lacey, given little hope for his recovery.

Their Plans Were Blocked.

Lincoln, Neb.—A man giving the name of Joel B. Clark and Omaha as his home, is a prisoner in the city jail, with a bad bullet wound in the leg, the result of an encounter with W. D. O'Grady, night agent at the Rock Island station early Sunday morning. With Clark in jail is a man who says his name is Charles Deverax, also claiming Omaha as his home. O'Grady charges the two with attempting to hold him up at the station, and it is alleged their plan was to rob the depot.

Drove Away a Bank Robber.

St. Joseph, Mo.—An attempt to rob the Bank of Wathena, at Wathena, Kan., just across the river, Saturday night, was frustrated by the town marshal and several residents who were aroused from their beds. A street fight took place and the negro escaped. The marshal was uninjured.

Austria Ready to Invade Serbia.

London.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Daily Press says that Austria Hungary has a force of 250,000 men in Bosnia and Herzegovina ready to invade Serbia at a moment's notice.

Another Conservation Conference.

Washington.—It was announced at the White House Sunday that a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America would be held at the White House February 18 next.

Eight Buildings Burned.

Oneonta, N. Y.—Fire destroyed the Arlington hotel and seven other buildings Sunday causing a loss of \$100,000. Many of the occupants of the hotel had narrow escapes.

Baseball in Manila.

Manila.—The all-American baseball team, which is making a tour of the Orient, was defeated Sunday by Lieut. Johnson's picked army team by a score of 4 to 3. This is the only defeat of the all-Americans during the entire tour.

Fire in a Los Angeles Hotel.

Los Angeles.—A fire which caused a loss of \$100,000 and two painful, if not serious injury of two firemen, occurred Sunday in the Occidental hotel building.

Claus Spreckles Dead.

San Francisco, California.—Claus Spreckles, the famous sugar millionaire, died from the effects of an attack of pneumonia at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning. His health has been estimated at more than \$100,000,000.

A Suicide in Topeka Depot.

Topeka, Kan.—George Gierlach, a machinist, committed suicide in the corridor of the Rock Island railway passenger station here Sunday by shooting himself in the head with a